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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Bernardino – Murder-Suicide Shooting at Elementary School

(U) On 10 April, two adults and an 8-year-old student were killed in a murder-suicide shooting at an elementary school in San Bernardino, officials said. A second student was also wounded and was in stable condition at a local hospital. The shooting, which the San Bernardino Police Chief said was a murder-suicide, happened shortly before 10:30 a.m. Police identified the gunman as Cedric Anderson, 53, of Riverside. They say he entered the classroom and, without saying a word, shot his estranged wife, Karen Elaine Smith, 53. Two students were behind Smith and struck by gunfire. Police said the children shot were not targeted and were likely struck by accident.

SOURCE: 10 April 2017, ABC 7

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – DOJ Plans to Disrupt Global Spam Network

(U) Washington – The US Department of Justice announced an extensive effort to disrupt and dismantle a network of thousands of compromised computers under the control of an alleged cybercriminal, a statement released yesterday said. The botnet was responsible for the sending of hundreds of millions of spam e-mails, intercepting users' online and financial credentials and installing ransomware and other malicious software, according to the statement.

SOURCE: 11 April 2017, CNN

(U) Illinois – Judge Shot Outside of His Chicago Home

(U) Chicago – A Cook County judge was shot dead and a woman wounded outside the judge's Chicago home yesterday morning, police said. Associate Judge Raymond Myles, 66, was shot multiple times shortly before 5 a.m. on his porch in the South Side of the city, authorities confirmed. The woman was shot in the leg but is expected survive. Police say the woman left her home to head to the gym when she encountered "an individual with a gun" outside the door. They exchanged words and the man with the gun began firing shots shortly after, Myles came out upon hearing gunfire by the same individual. Police say they do not believe the woman knew the person who shot them and no property appears to have been taken from the home.

SOURCE: 10 April 2017, NBC News

(U) Massachusetts – New Malware Discovered that Makes DOS Attacks Permanent

(U) Boston – Researchers from the IT security company Radware released a threat advisory report last week. A new threat is targeting insecure Internet of Things (IoT) devices, but rather than hijack them for use in distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks, Brickerbot instead threatens to disable these devices, so that they are left completely inoperable. Permanent denial of service(PDoS) attack bots scour the Internet for vulnerable targets – typically Linux-based routers, bridges or similar Internet-connected devices that require only factory default passwords to grant remote admin access. Once a suitable

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target is identified, the bots unleash wave after wave of destructive commands that wipe files stored on the device, corrupt its storage, and cut off its Internet connection.

SOURCE: 10 April 2017, Internet of Business

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Egypt – Police Kill Seven Suspected ISIL Militants in Shootout

(U) Assiut – Egyptian security forces killed seven suspected militants from The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in a shootout yesterday as they were meeting to plan attacks on minority Christians, the Interior Ministry said. The incident in the southern city of Assiut occurred a day after Egypt's cabinet approved a three-month state of emergency in the wake of the ISIL attacks on two Christian Coptic churches that killed at least 44 people. The seven militants were killed after they opened fire on security forces who approached them as they were meeting to plot further attacks on Christians, the ministry said in a statement.

SOURCE: 10 April 2017, Reuters

(U) Mexico - Eight Bodies Found on Highway

(U) Acapulco – The bodies of eight men were found in a van along the highway that connects Acapulco with Mexico City, in one of the latest violent episodes to shake the southern Mexican state of Guerrero, a government official said yesterday. The bodies were discovered close to midnight on Sunday, wrapped in plastic bags and secured with plastic tape. Roberto Alvarez, spokesman for Coordination Guerrero, which coordinates state and federal law enforcement, said in a video announcement sent to reporters that the men were aged 25 to 35 and died from suffocation. In Guerrero, different criminal groups tied to the poppy trade wage bloody turf wars while the army destroys crops.

SOURCE: 10 April 2017, Reuters

(U) Sweden – Suspect Admits Truck Attack

(U) Stockholm – The Stockholm truck attack suspect has confessed to a "terrorist crime" his lawyer said at a court hearing in the Swedish capital. Rakhmat Akilov, 39 and from Uzbekistan, admitted carrying out the attack in court and was remanded in custody. Wearing green overalls, he was brought into the court in handcuffs. Four people were killed when a lorry was driven into a department store on Friday. Several people were also injured, two critically. "His position is that he admits to a terrorist crime and accepts therefore that he will be detained," said lawyer Johan Eriksson. A second man is no longer being held as a suspect, per prosecution authorities, but he will not be released because he already had a deportation order standing against him.

SOURCE: 11 April 2017, BBC

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